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## **Boat access restricted at Fort Randall**

**Omaha, Neb.--** The increased water flows from Fort Randall Dam are creating swift river currents and extremely hazardous conditions in the Missouri River directly below Fort Randall power plant and the spillway.

As a result, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is restricting boat access to a portion of the river. Effective Friday morning, vessels of any kind will be prohibited within 2 miles downstream of the dam. Boat ramps at Randall Creek Recreation Area and Spillway Lakeside Use Area will be closed. This restriction is in effect until further notice. Boaters are encouraged to utilize the resources on Lake Francis Case for water related recreation.

Releases from the Missouri River reservoirs will reach historic levels in the coming weeks, the result of above-normal snow in the mountains and extraordinary rain over the last month. Significant flooding in cities, towns and agricultural land is expected in North and South Dakota.

“The Corps’ number one concern is public safety,” says Omaha District Commander Col. Robert Ruch. “We will do everything we can to promote public safety.”

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